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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL AND THE CTD

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1. I CALLED LUYTEN YESTERDAY TO INFORM HIM OF U.S. POSITION, PER REFTEL, THAT WE COULD NOT SUPPORT E.C. EFFORT TO TRY TO SIDETRACK BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL IN CTD. LUYTEN REPLIED THAT, ON REFLECTION, E.C. HAD INDEPENDENTLY COME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION.

2. LUYTEN SAID THAT, BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH MATHUR (GATT SECRETARIAT) AND LDC DELEGATIONS, HE DIDN'T BELIEVE

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THERE WOULD BE MUCH ACTIVITY AT THE CTD MEETING NEXT WEEK.

E.C. BELIEVES THERE IS GENERAL ASSUMPTION THAT CTD HAS TAKEN PART IV REFORM ISSUE ABOUT AS FAR AS IT CAN FOR NOW AND THAT EFFORTS TO ACTIVATE THIS TOPIC FURTHER ARE UNLIKELY.

3. LUYTEN SAID THAT THE E.C. WILL COMPLIMENT THE SECRETARIAT ON ITS PAPER SAYING, HOWEVER, THAT IT IDENTIFIES A RANGE OF ISSUES WHICH IS SO VAST AS TO BE UNMANAGEABLE. THE E.C. WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE AGENDA TOPIC ALIVE FOR MANY OF THE SAME REASONS AS APPEAR IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL, BUT E.C. IS NOT ANXIOUS TO PROPOSE ANY NEW WORK ON THE TOPIC.

4. I ADVISED LUYTEN OF MACIEL'S STATEMENT (MTN GENEVA 2683) THAT BRAZIL DID NOT FORSEE ACTION ON ITS GATT REFORM PROPOSAL UNTIL DECEMBER. LUYTEN REPORTED THAT MATHUR HAD TOLD HIM ALSO THAT BRAZILIANS WERE NO LONGER PUSHING FOR A SWIFT DECISION ON THEIR PROPOSAL. LUYTEN ALSO SAID GARRIDO (MEXICO) HAD TOLD HIM THAT MACIEL HAD NOT YET CONVINCED G-77 TO EMBRACE THE PROPOSAL. WE BOTH NOTED THAT THIS WAS IN CONFLICT WITH WHAT MACIEL HAD SAID PREVIOUSLY AND, IF TRUE, MAY EXPLAIN APPARENT BRAZILIAN DESIRE TO SLOW THINGS DOWN.

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